

Supporting your child with spelling



Frequently, there will be one part of a word that trips up your child each time. Look at the word together and highlight the part that they find particularly tricky. For example:

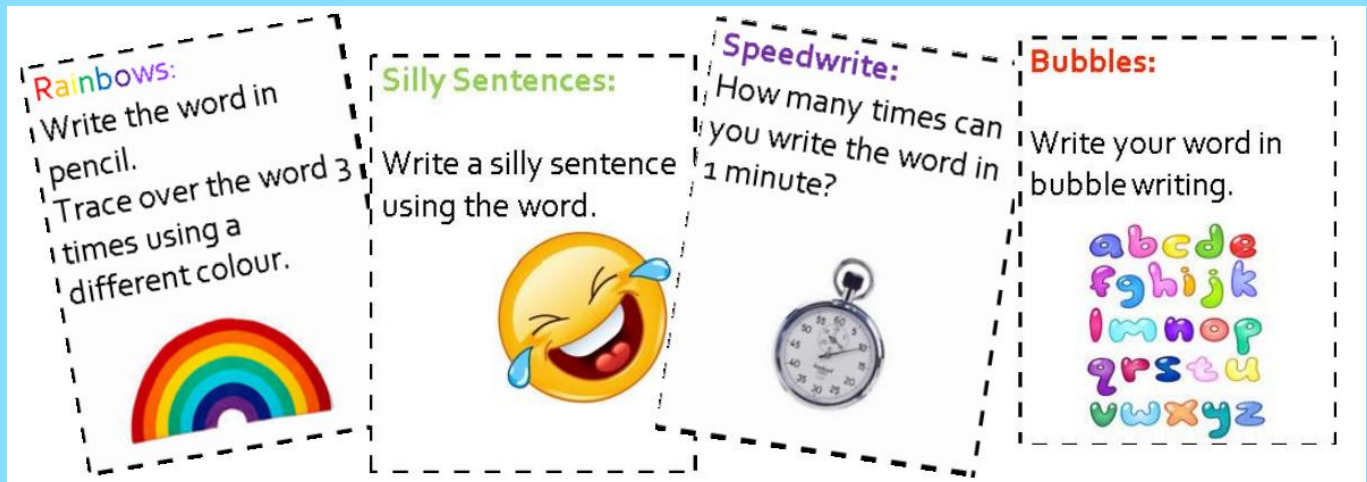
Night Separate Was Receive Weird

What Two Friend Said Cheap

Or there may be two parts that need attention, for instance:

Accommodate Address Necessary

Once you've done the highlighting together, get them to write out the word again without looking. This time they'll be more focused on getting that tricky bit right, and will be able to remember how it looks.



Copy it Copy it Recall it

What What What

After your child has copied the word twice, fold the paper over so they can't see what they've written and ask them to have a go at writing the word unaided. They should be able to recall the spelling without looking.

If your child is a kinaesthetic learner (in other words they learn best through doing), ask them to write each letter of the word into the palm of their hand or onto their leg with their finger. With enough repetitions, they'll remember how the word felt to write (this is known as muscle memory).

Mnemonics



Great ways to remember
some tricky spellings

LAUGH

L laugh A and
U get
Happy



BELIEVE

Never
believe
a lie.



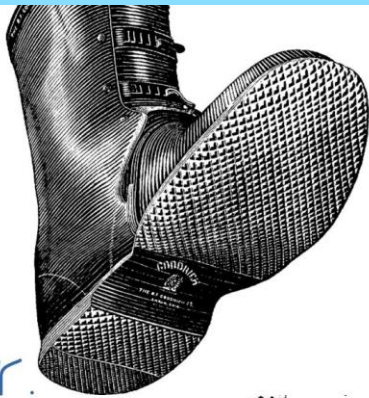
oh you lucky duck

could
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should



Knight Owl Teaching Resources

Small
ants
in
danger.



because

big
elephants
can
always
upset
small
elephants

